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I'M TELLING YOU, JONAH, IT WAS OSBORN! I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN TWO EYES--
OSBORN IS IN JAIL. IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE.
IT WASN'T SOMEONE ELSE, FOR GOD'S SAKE! I KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE--HE THREATENED TO KILL ME TOO, REMEMBER?
BEN... I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET RIGHT NOW, BUT WHAT IF JONAH'S RIGHT? WHAT IF IT WAS SOMEONE JUST DRESSED LIKE THE GOBLIN? SOMEONE TRYING TO SCARE YOU--
"I KNOW THOSE EYES BETTER THAN MY OWN REFLECTION, ROBBIE. THE WAY HE LOOKED AT ME...THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD WRAPPED AROUND THAT MUCH ANGER.
"NO ONE ELSE HAS THOSE EYES."
I KNOW YOU, URICH. I WATCH WHAT YOU DO. I SEE YOUR WIFE AND FRIENDS...WHO YOU LIVE WITH, WHO YOU WORK WITH. PEOPLE YOU LOVE. AND I'M GETTING TO YOU FIRST.
CROSSING YOU OFF MY LIST, SEE? -AH-HEHH-
BECAUSE I CAN.
YOU'RE A WORM. I'M A TRACTOR. YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP ME.
WHICH IS FUNNY.
AH-HEHH...
A-HA! HA! HAHAHAHA--
A-UHH...
...HECHH... -KAFF-

W-WAIT...
-HRCHH-
EHHHSST...
...YOU CAN'T...IT'S NOT TIME...
GET OUT OF ME! GET OUT!
KKKKKK!!!
...GGGKKK... NNN-NO...
...NOT...
...PAIR.
...UCCHHH... KKK...

URICH--!
AAH! AAH!
I SEE YOU, BENNY-BOY...
+HH-ECHH+
I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU. D'YOU HEAR ME..?
FOR THAT RAG OF YOURS!
DO YOU HEAR ME, BENNY-BOY?
AND?
HE MADE A COUPLE OF PROMISES, JONAH.
YOUR NAME WAS MENTIONED.

CHINATOWN.
THE PROBLEM WITH WAR IS THAT IT'S SO BIG.
AND YET THE IDEAS BEHIND IT ARE ALWAYS SO SMALL.
NY

GRAPE FRUIT
50 % OFF
WAR IS JUST A DIVERSION. WE'RE SO BUSY WATCHING UGLY PICTURES ON TV THAT WE LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON.
THE HURT DOESN'T SEEM REAL. ALL THOSE INJURIES SEEM FAR AWAY. WE'RE MORE CONCERNED WITH FIXING DINNER THAN FIXING THE PROBLEM.

WHICH SUITS THE WARMONGERS JUST FINE.
BECAUSE WHILE THERE ARE MILLIONS OF US WATCHING...WE'RE ALL LOOKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

OWW! HEY--!
DON'T TURN AROUND. DON'T EVEN FLINCH. JUST KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING AN' YOU'LL BE JUST FINE.

THAT'D BETTER BE A GUN IN MY BACK, PAL. WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
NO ONE YOU KNOW.
FINE. SO WHAT DO YOU WANT?
FOR YOU TO SHUT UP AND LISTEN.
YOU'RE WRITING THE WRONG STORY, FLOYD. THAT GROUP OF HEROES YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS JUST AN URBAN LEGEND.
YOU MISHEARD WHAT WAS SAID AT THAT MEETING.
I KNOW WHAT I HEARD. CAPTAIN AMERICA'S PUTTING SOME KIND OF UNDERGROUND GROUP TOGETHER.
THAT PERSON DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE. HE HAS A DIFFERENT LIFE. THEY ALL DO. YOU WON'T FIND THEM.
BUT SOMEONE THINKS YOU WILL. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE BEING FOLLOWED. THAT'S HOW THEY FOUND THE MEETING YOU WENT TO.
IF THEY DON'T EXIST, YOU'RE GOING TO AN AWFUL LOT OF TROUBLE TO PROTECT THEM, BOSS--
THERE'S NO SINISTER MOTIVE BEHIND THE ACT, LADY. THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO REGULATE DISOBEDIENCE AND STOP THE NUT-JOBS FROM KILLING INNOCENT CIVILIANS. BUT THEY'RE SCREWING IT UP.
YOU DON'T HAVE THE FIRST CLUE WHAT'S GOING ON. YOU'RE SO FAR FROM THE TRUTH YOU NEED A COMPASS AN' TAXI FARE.
SO WHAT IS GOING ON?
WHY DON'T YOU LOOK UP AN' FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF?

THEY'RE FOLLOWING ME... SO WHAT?
LOOK...I DON'T WANT AN EXCLUSIVE. I DON'T WANT TO NAME NAMES. I JUST WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING HERE--
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CONSPIRACY WHERE THERE ISN'T ONE. WHY DON'T YOU STICK TO WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE ACT AND LEAVE ALL THE SECRETIVE STUFF TO THE EXPERTS?
AN' WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE ACT, EXACTLY?
APPLE GOLDEN '1'05
THE REGISTRATION ACT IS LIKE THAT FOREIGN CHEESE--STINKY AN' FULL OF HOLES. ASK ANY LAWYER. THEY'RE JUST AFRAID OF SOMEONE FINDING OUT--
+SNFF+ SO WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF--?
CHEN

BEN, WE CAN'T EXACTLY GO AROUND CLAIMING OSBORN SIGHTINGS. THAT'S NOT THE STORY WE'RE TRYING TO TELL.
WHY NOT, IF IT'S TRUE?
BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES, URICH! YOU THINK I'M *MADE* OF MONEY?

IT WAS OSBORN, JONAH--I'D STAKE MY LIFE ON IT. HE FINAGLED HIS WAY *OUT* SOMEHOW.
MAYBE IT'S TIED INTO THE ACT--MAYBE HE SAW AN OPPORTUNITY HERE...I DON'T KNOW. BUT I KNOW WHAT I SAW. IT WAS *HIM*, AS PLAIN AS THE NOSE ON MY FACE!

AN' YOU'RE *CERTAIN* ABOUT THIS--?
CHIEF! WE JUST GOT WORD FROM IRON MAN'S PEOPLE: OSBORN'S RIGHT THERE IN THE SLAMMER...RIGHT WHERE HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE.
INDEPENDENT WITNESSES VERIFIED IT AN HOUR AGO. COULDN'T BE YOUR GUY.

NO! THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK, URICH? I THINK THAT PLAIN-AS-DAY NOSE OF YOURS JUST GOT *SMUDGED*--

IF I WANTED ALIEN SIGHTINGS, I WOULDA BOUGHT THE WEEKLY WORLD NEWS.
HERE'S A NOVEL CONCEPT: LEAVE NOW AN' GO DO THAT THING I PAY YOU FOR.
DON'T DO THIS TO ME, JONAH. YOU KNOW THIS IS SOMETHING--
YEAH. A REALLY BAD JOKE. NOW GO AWAY BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND AND HAVE YOU KILLED.
WOULD YOU LISTEN TO YOURSELF? THE GOBLIN JUST THREATENED US AND YOU'RE TOO SCARED TO LOOK INTO IT. YOU'RE LIKE THE GUY WHO WON'T GO FOR AN AIDS TEST 'CAUSE HE'S TOO AFRAID OF A POSITIVE.
OSBORN'S GOT YOU BY THE CURLY HAIRS, JONAH. WHAT'S NEXT? WE REFUSE TO PUBLISH AN EDITORIAL CARTOON IN CASE WE OFFEND A TERRORIST?
ARE YOU FINISHED, URICH?
EHH...NO. MAYBE. I GUESS.
FINE. CLEAN OUT YOUR DESK.
YOU'RE FIRED.

THE ALTERNATIVE NEWS ROOM.
THIS IS PRETTY AMAZING STUFF, SALLY. CAN WE GET VERIFICATION?
FROM WHO? UNREGISTERED HEROES AREN'T EXACTLY ADVERTISING THEIR WHEREABOUTS AFTER WHAT HAPPENED AT THEIR MEETING, NEIL.
OKAY...YOU'RE RIGHT. [redacted] CAN GO WITH IT.
JERRY...CAN YOU GET THIS INTO PREPRESS? FRONT PAGE... THROUGH LINE ON PAGE FIVE.
NO SWEAT.
SO D'YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW THIS MYSTERIOUS CONTACT OF YOURS KNEW ABOUT THE MEETING HIMSELF? WAS [redacted] THERE?
I FORGOT TO ASK. I NEVER GOT HELD UP WITH A BANANA BEFORE.
FINE. LET'S JUST STICK TO THE STORY. THE REST WILL WORK ITSELF OUT--
HEY! YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE!
WHERE IS HE?

HI. I'M [redacted] CRAWFORD, MANAGING EDITOR. [redacted] YOU ARE--?
YES, I AM.
DON'T PLAY GAMES WITH ME, FLOYD. THAT WAS HIM AT THE MARKET, WASN'T IT? I WANT TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT [redacted] SAID. WHERE [redacted] RIGHT NOW?
HEY, HOW WOULD I KNOW, PAL? I MEAN, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO HE WAS.
[redacted] CALL HIM BANANA-MAN AROUND HERE.
HEHH...
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE, MISS FLOYD. MY NAME [redacted] ERIC MARSHALL, [redacted] I AM ATTACHED TO S.H.I.E.L.D. VIA THE N.S.A. YOU AND I BOTH KNOW YOU HAD A CONVERSATION TODAY WITH SOMEONE OF GREAT INTEREST TO US.
RECENTLY, YOU WERE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED LEAVING A GATHERING OF UNREGISTERED COMBATANTS--
YOU MEAN ASSOCIATING WITH CRIMINALS? YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT, AGENT MARSHALL. I'VE GOT LAWYERS WHO EAT PEOPLE [redacted] YOU FOR BREAKFAST.
SORRY, AGENT--I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO REVEAL MY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES.
DON'T TELL ANYONE, THOUGH. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET.

YOU DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING YOU GET TO *CHOOSE*. THIS IS AN EXECUTIVE ORDER YOU GET TO *COMPLY* WITH.
HEY! BACK OFF!
FINE. HAVE IT YOUR WAY. I GAVE YOU YOUR CHANCE.
PUT YOUR HANDS OUT, BOTH OF YOU--WRISTS TOGETHER, PALMS UP.
SALLY FLOYD AND NEIL CRAWFORD... YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT TERRORIST ACTS AND HARBORING THE IDENTITY OF AN UNREGISTERED COMBATANT.
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT. ANYTHING YOU DO SAY MAY BE HELD AGAINST YOU IN A COURT OF LAW. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY...
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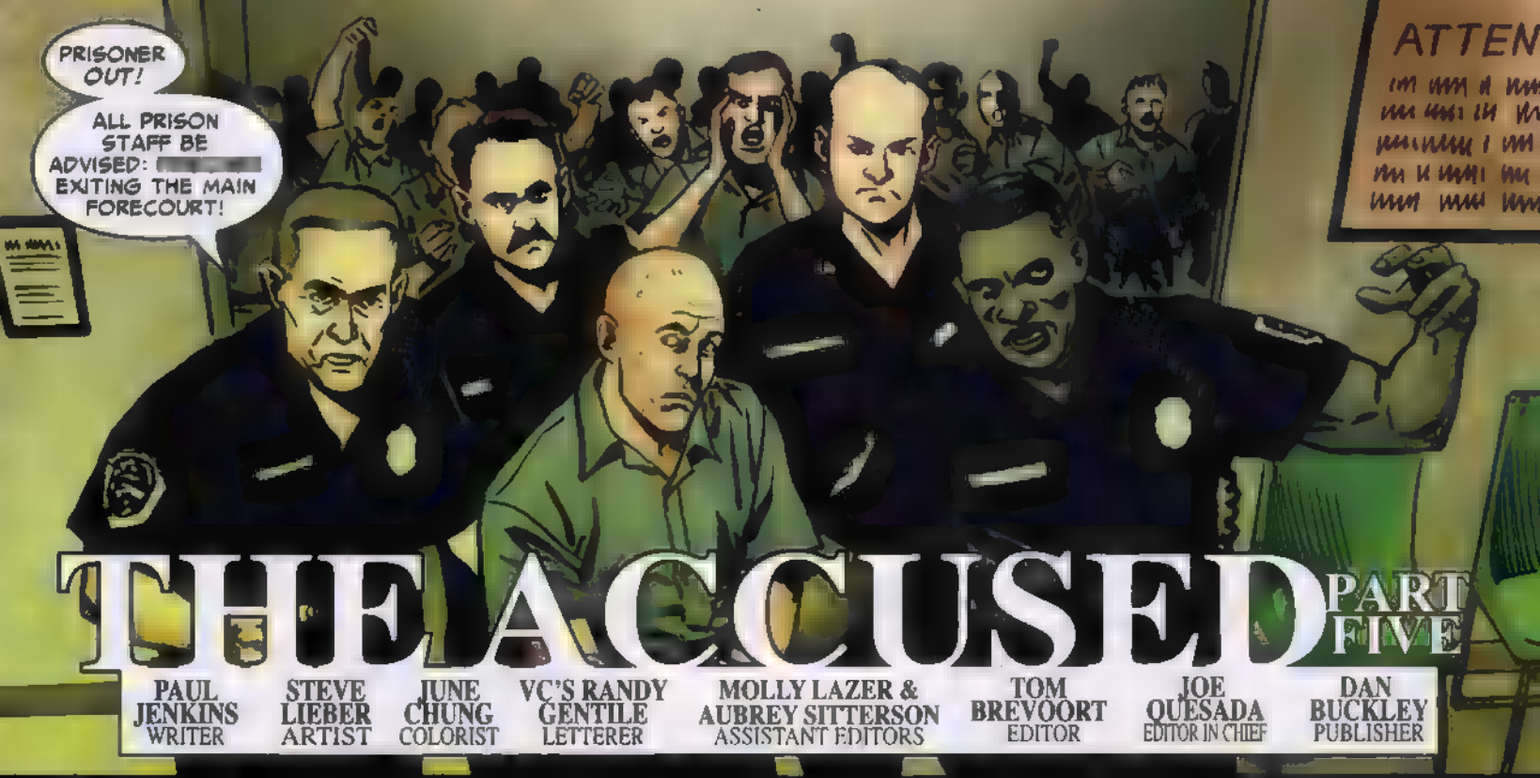

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I ASKED IF YOU WERE--
I'M FINE. TIRED. HACKED OFF, JEN. PRISON BLOWS.
IS THIS FOR OUR COURT DATE?
I'M AFRAID NOT. BUT WE'RE WORKING ON THAT, OKAY?
LOOK...THIS MAY NOT GO THE WAY YOU'RE HOPING. THE APPEALS PROCESS CAN TAKE TIME--ESPECIALLY FOR SOMEONE WHO REJECTED [redacted] DEAL THE COURTS DEEM MORE THAN REASONABLE.
YOU'RE BEING [redacted] TO [redacted] NEW HOLDING FACILITY UNDER THE JOINT JURISDICTION OF S.H.I.E.L.D. AND THE U.S. MILITARY.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T LIKE ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENT--SOME KIND OF COLLABORATION WITH THE POWER PLAYERS. THEY'RE TELLING [redacted] THE SENTRY MIGHT [redacted] BE INVOLVED.
WORD IS, THEY'RE [redacted] EVERYONE CURRENTLY HELD UNDER [redacted] REGISTRATION ACT VIOLATION THIS WAY.
YEAH... BUT I--
--WHAT ON EARTH..?
BURN ALDWIN URN
BABY LER!
FRY SUCKER!
ABANDON HOPE BABY KILLER

YOU'RE ■ DEAD MAN, BALDWIN!
BURN IN HELL!
DIE, BABY-KILLER!
WHAT THE HECK... IS THIS WHAT IT'S BEEN LIKE?
I TRIED TO TELL YOU, ROBBIE. YOU'RE THE POSTER CHILD FOR SUPER HERO EXCESS RIGHT NOW.
THE TV PEOPLE ■ HAVING A FIELD DAY BECAUSE YOU REFUSED TO REGISTER.
THAT CAN'T HAVE BEEN FOR ME, FOR PETE'S SAKE...I'M SPEEDBALL! EVERYBODY LOVES SPEEDBALL--
THAT WAS FOR YOU. GET USED TO IT. IT MAY GET WORSE.
HOW COULD IT GET WORSE?

I WANTED TO TELL YOU, ROBBIE. BUT I WAS TRYING TO FIND THE RIGHT TIME.
OH, SO THIS [redacted] THE RIGHT TIME?
I DON'T KNOW. [redacted] WOULD HAVE WORKED FOR YOU?
WHAT IS THAT THING?
IT'S SOME KIND OF GATEWAY THAT LEADS INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION. A PLACE THEY CALL THE NEGATIVE ZONE--
OH. GENIUS.
ROBBIE, LISTEN TO ME: I'M GOING TO DO ALL I CAN. BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE [redacted] SOMETHING TO WORK WITH.
THEY'RE STILL WILLING TO DEAL IF YOU'LL REGISTER--
WHAT...THE [redacted] PEOPLE WHO JUST LOST TWENTY-EIGHT MILLION VETERANS' PERSONAL INFORMATION OFF A LAPTOP COMPUTER? I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES.
WE'VE ALL *SEEN* WHAT HAPPENS [redacted] YOU TAKE *CHANCES*, ROBBIE.

...PLEASE STEP [redacted] INTO THE [redacted]
...THANK YOU...
...THOMAS, GORDON: FORMERLY KNOWN AS TYPEFACE...PLEASE STEP FORWARD INTO THE TRANSFER RECEPTACLE...
...THANK YOU...
...SAVIN, ERIC: FORMERLY KNOWN AS COLDBLOOD... PLEASE STEP FORWARD INTO THE TRANSFER RECEPTACLE...
...THANK YOU...
...BALDWIN, [redacted] FORMERLY KNOWN AS SPEEDBALL... PLEASE STEP FORWARD INTO THE TRANSFER RECEPTACLE...
...THANK YOU...
...UNSPECIFIED NON-HUMAN COMBATANT...
HEY, DO THEY HAVE BEER ON THIS VOYAGE?
...PLEASE STEP FORWARD...
I CAN'T GO. I HAVE A DOCTOR'S NOTE.
...PLEASE STEP FORWARD...
BUT THEY SAID I COULD GO FREE--
...I AM AUTHORIZED TO USE FORCE...
OKAY! OKAY!
FZZT!

SO...WHO KNOWS ANY GOOD JOKES? DUDE...YOU LOOK LIKE YOU KNOW A FEW RIB-TICKLERS.
"I JUST FLEW [redacted] FROM ANCIENT EGYPT, AND BOY, ARE MY ARMS TIRED!"
[redacted] IS THE NEGATIVE ZONE, ANYWAY? I HOPE IT'S NOT NEAR CLEVELAND.
IT'S NOT NEAR *ANYTHING*. IT MAY NOT EVEN BE A PLACE, IN THE TRUEST [redacted] OF THE WORD.
IT'S MORE LIKE A STATE OF *BEING*. VERY APROPOS.
WELL, IT CAN'T BE ANY WORSE THAN CLEVELAND...THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING...
MAN...IT'S LIKE THIS WHOLE SYSTEM IS AUTOMATED. WHY D'YOU THINK THEY'D ENTRUST ALL THESE PEOPLE TO ROBOTS?
BECAUSE THE NEGATIVE ZONE DOES *THAT* TO SOME PEOPLE.
DOES WHAT?
[redacted] CAN'T BE HERE.
I'M [redacted] TO DIE BEFORE I [redacted] MYSELF AGAIN.

HEY... DUDE... ARE YOU OKAY?
...NO PHYSICAL CONTACT [redacted] PERMITTED...
...RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO YOUR DESIGNATED [redacted] STATION...
OKAY, FIRST OF ALL, GO TO HELL. [redacted] SECOND OF ALL, YOU'RE A ROBOT, SO THE FIRST STATEMENT REALLY APPLIES THERE, TOO. WE "LIVING" CREATURES TEND TO STICK TOGETHER--
I AM NOT ALIVE.
YOU'RE WHAT--?
I DO NOT LIVE.
ROBBIE. [redacted] BELIEVE [redacted] HAVE ARRIVED.
OKAY.
OKAY... THAT'S [redacted] SPIT-[redacted] OF THE AFTERNOON.

I AM TOLD WE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO NEGATIVE ZONE PRISON ALPHA, ROBBIE. A SOMEWHAT UNREMARKABLE DESIGNATION, GIVEN THE MARVEL OF ENGINEERING IT REPRESENTS.

BUT ALPHABETICALLY ACCURATE...FOR IT IS THE FIRST AND ONLY OF ITS KIND. THE INMATES HAVE A ***BETTER*** NAME FOR IT.

THEY CALL IT FANTASY ISLAND.

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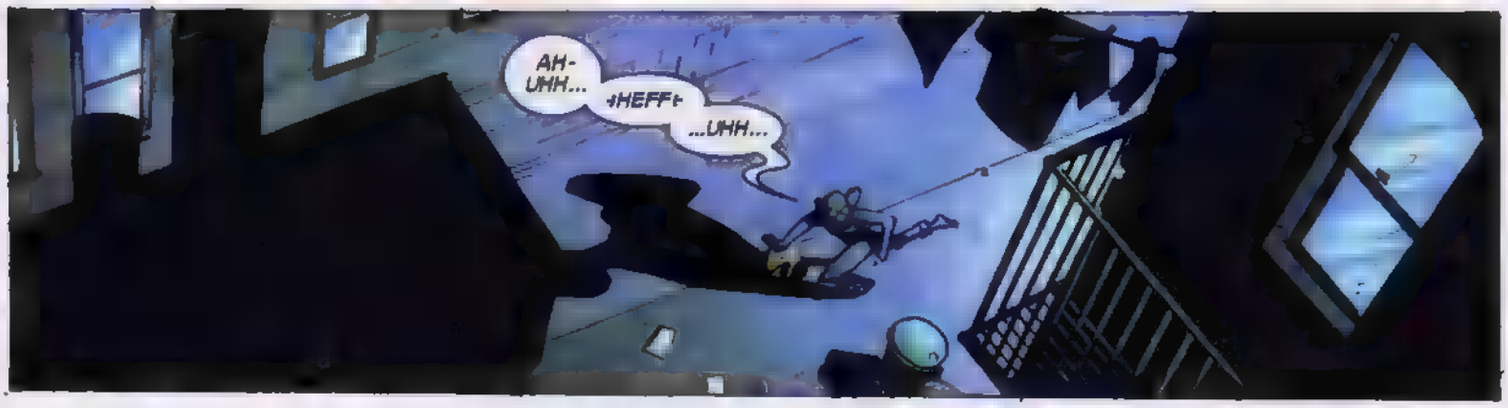

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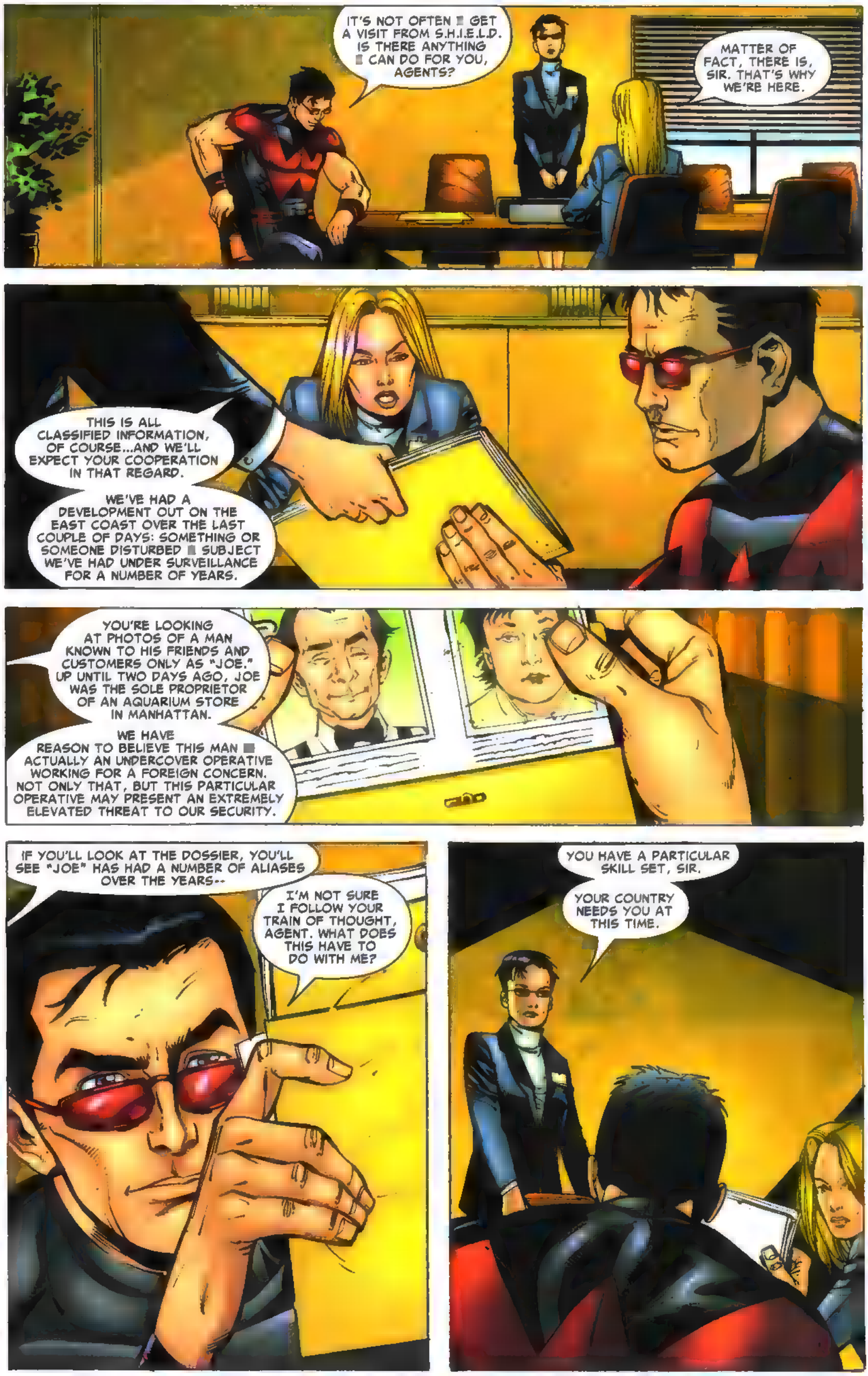
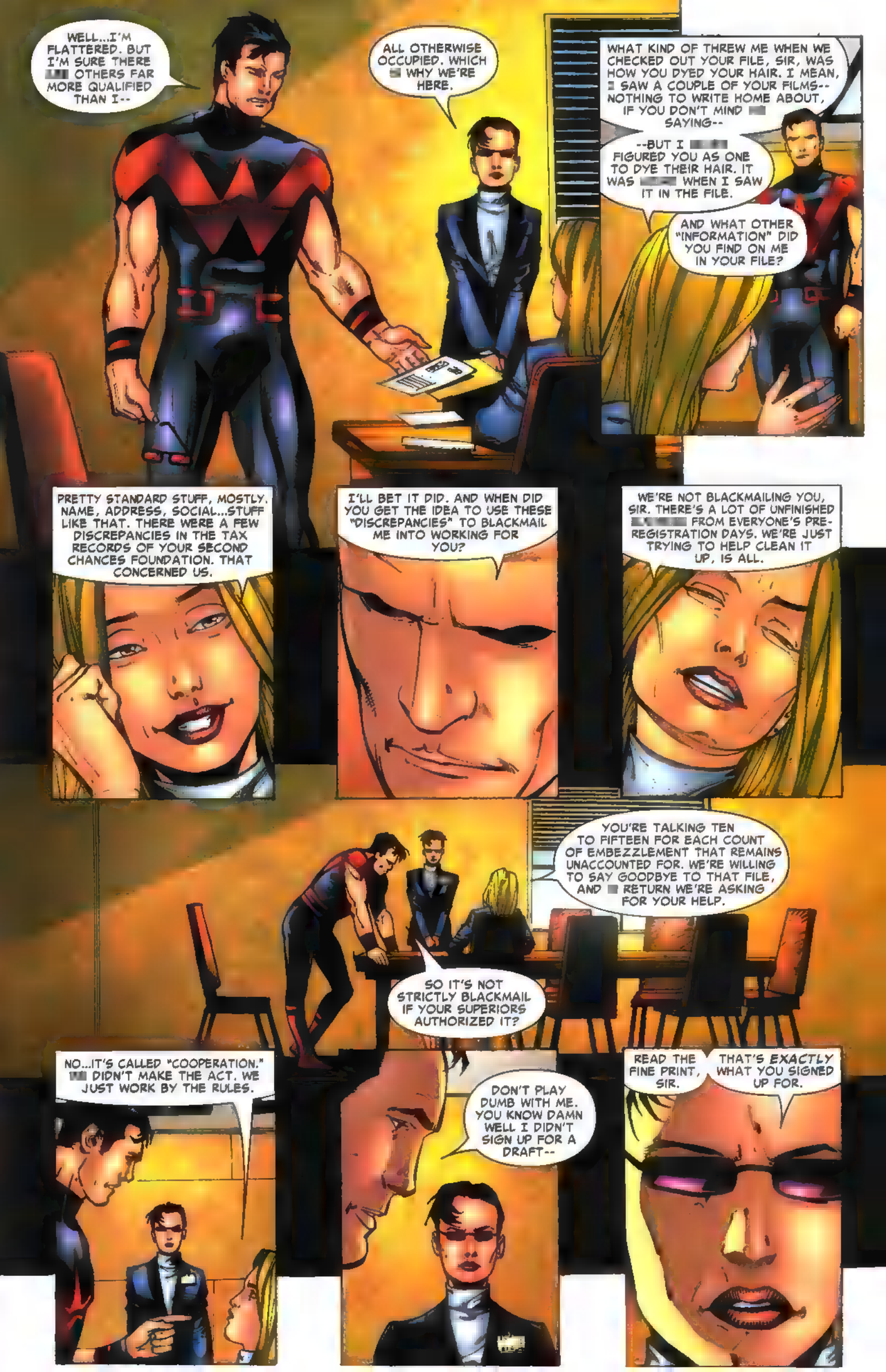
YOU DON'T SCARE ME NONE, WONDER MAN. THE RAT AIN'T AFRAID OF NO ONE!
AND ENGLISH IS YOUR *THIRD* LANGUAGE, IT?
YOU KNOW, I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, RAT: YOU DON'T GIVE IN EASILY. BUT THE GUN'S BAD IDEA.
AHHHH!
NOW I DON'T PLAY SO NICE.
NYPD! GET YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR... *NOW!*

PLEASE [redacted] YOUR HANDS VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES AND PRODUCE YOUR REGISTRATION I.D. CARD.
NO PROBLEM, OFFICER. I'M APPREHENDING A COSTUMED CRIMINAL KNOWN AS THE RAT. I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR A RECENT STRING OF ARMED ROBBERIES.
PERPETRATOR WAS [redacted] EXITING FIRST UNITED BANK AFTER INCAPACITATING A SECURITY GUARD.
I'M GOING TO REACH SLOWLY INTO MY SIDE POCKET. MY REGISTRATION CARD IS LAMINATED, TYPE A-3.
AND JUST SO YOU'RE FOREWARNED, I'LL PROBABLY BE OPERATING IN THIS SECTION OF MANHATTAN FOR THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.
BEEP
WONDER MAN
NH-477949-8
NEW YORK
THANK YOU, WONDER MAN. EVERYTHING APPEARS TO BE IN ORDER.
YOU'LL BE CONTACTED WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS TO SCHEDULE A COURT APPEARANCE. ALL CONTACTS WILL BE MADE ANONYMOUSLY VIA ENCRYPTED E-MAIL.
GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE, FELLAS--
...AND CUT!

...NO, IT'S JUST THAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH ABOUT FIFTY REWRITES, THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING.
I KNOW WE'RE DOING THIS AS AN INFORMATION SPOT, BUT IT'S ALSO SUPPOSED TO BE AN ACTION PIECE. I MEAN, "NOW I DON'T PLAY SO NICE"? WHO WRITES THIS CRAP?
WELL, IT'S JUST NOT REALISTIC, NEIL. I'D NEVER INTERACT WITH A LOW-LEVEL GUY LIKE THIS RAT CHARACTER. I'M TOO POWERFUL.
WARDROBE HAD HIM DECKED OUT LIKE SOME VILLAIN FROM A "KEYSTONE KOPS" MOVIE. I MEAN, THEY PRETTY MUCH GAVE HIM A BAG TO CARRY WITH "LOOT" WRITTEN ON THE SIDE!
NO...I'M JUST SAYING IT'D BE NICE IF THEY COULD GET A SCRIPT FROM SOMEONE WHO'D ACTUALLY [redacted] AROUND A SUPER HERO BEFORE.
LOOK...I GOTTA JET, OKAY? WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT [redacted] THE MORNING--
SOMETHING WRONG, JILL?
THE USUAL. THE MAYOR'S OFFICE WANTS A CONFERENCE CALL TOMORROW AT NOON. AND YOU HAVE SOME VISITORS.
CAN'T DO. TELL THEM TO RESCHEDULE. I'M SUPPOSED TO [redacted] MEETING ANGELINA FOR THAT P.E.T.A. THING AT FOUR--
I CANCELLED.
WHAT? WHY?


IT'S NOT OFTEN I GET A VISIT FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU, AGENTS?
MATTER OF FACT, THERE IS, SIR. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.
THIS IS ALL CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, OF COURSE...AND WE'LL EXPECT YOUR COOPERATION IN THAT REGARD.
WE'VE HAD A DEVELOPMENT OUT ON THE EAST COAST OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS: SOMETHING OR SOMEONE DISTURBED A SUBJECT WE'VE HAD UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.
YOU'RE LOOKING AT PHOTOS OF A MAN KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS ONLY AS "JOE." UP UNTIL TWO DAYS AGO, JOE WAS THE SOLE PROPRIETOR OF AN AQUARIUM STORE IN MANHATTAN.
WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THIS MAN IS ACTUALLY AN UNDERCOVER OPERATIVE WORKING FOR A FOREIGN CONCERN. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THIS PARTICULAR OPERATIVE MAY PRESENT AN EXTREMELY ELEVATED THREAT TO OUR SECURITY.
IF YOU'LL LOOK AT THE DOSSIER, YOU'LL SEE "JOE" HAS HAD A NUMBER OF ALIASES OVER THE YEARS--
I'M NOT SURE I FOLLOW YOUR TRAIN OF THOUGHT, AGENT. WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ME?
YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR SKILL SET, SIR.
YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU AT THIS TIME.


WELL...I'M FLATTERED. BUT I'M SURE THERE [redacted] OTHERS FAR MORE QUALIFIED THAN I--
ALL OTHERWISE OCCUPIED. WHICH [redacted] WHY WE'RE HERE.
WHAT KIND OF THREW ME WHEN WE CHECKED OUT YOUR FILE, SIR, WAS HOW YOU DYED YOUR HAIR. I MEAN, I SAW A COUPLE OF YOUR FILMS-- NOTHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT, IF YOU DON'T MIND [redacted] SAYING--
--BUT I [redacted] FIGURED YOU AS ONE TO DYE THEIR HAIR. IT WAS [redacted] WHEN I SAW IT IN THE FILE.
AND WHAT OTHER "INFORMATION" DID YOU FIND ON ME IN YOUR FILE?
PRETTY STANDARD STUFF, MOSTLY. NAME, ADDRESS, SOCIAL...STUFF LIKE THAT. THERE WERE A FEW DISCREPANCIES IN THE TAX RECORDS OF YOUR SECOND CHANCES FOUNDATION. THAT CONCERNED US.
I'LL BET IT DID. AND WHEN DID YOU GET THE IDEA TO USE THESE "DISCREPANCIES" TO BLACKMAIL ME INTO WORKING FOR YOU?
WE'RE NOT BLACKMAILING YOU, SIR. THERE'S A LOT OF UNFINISHED [redacted] FROM EVERYONE'S PRE-REGISTRATION DAYS. WE'RE JUST TRYING TO HELP CLEAN IT UP, IS ALL.
YOU'RE TALKING TEN TO FIFTEEN FOR EACH COUNT OF EMBEZZLEMENT THAT REMAINS UNACCOUNTED FOR. WE'RE WILLING TO SAY GOODBYE TO THAT FILE, AND [redacted] RETURN WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.
SO IT'S NOT STRICTLY BLACKMAIL IF YOUR SUPERIORS AUTHORIZED IT?
NO...IT'S CALLED "COOPERATION." [redacted] DIDN'T MAKE THE ACT. WE JUST WORK BY THE RULES.
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME. YOU KNOW DAMN WELL I DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR A DRAFT--
READ THE FINE PRINT, SIR.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU SIGNED UP FOR.

JUST [redacted] THROUGH THE DOSSIER, MISTER WILLIAMS. YOU'LL NEED TO [redacted] THIS ATTACHED FOR THE DURATION OF THE MISSION. WE'LL BRIEF YOU FULLY AFTER YOU'VE DIGESTED ALL THE MATERIAL.
AND WHAT IF I DON'T AGREE TO THIS?
THEN YOU'RE FREE TO WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN, SIR.
[redacted] THE MEANTIME, WE'LL BE BACK TOMORROW NIGHT AFTER YOUR P.E.T.A. BANQUET TO COORDINATE THE DETAILS.
JUST LOOK THROUGH THE DOCUMENTS, SIR. THAT'S ALL WE'RE ASKING. [redacted] LOOKING AT A COUPLE OF DAYS, TOPS.
BESIDES... ISN'T THIS SORT OF THING THE EXACT REASON WHY YOU SEWED THAT COSTUME [redacted] YOURS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
The LIBERAL YUP
WELL, THAT'S JUST GREAT.
TO BE CONTINUED...

The Battle of Secessionville was fought near Charleston, South Carolina on June 16, 1862. It was the North's first major effort to take Charleston. During this battle, two brothers named James and Alexander Campbell fought on opposite sides--James as a Lieutenant in the Confederate army and Alexander as a Color Sergeant in the 79th Highlander Regiment. The brothers only later learned that they had fought directly against each other at Secessionville. The Charleston Courier called the two brothers "another illustration of the deplorable consequences of this fratricidal war."

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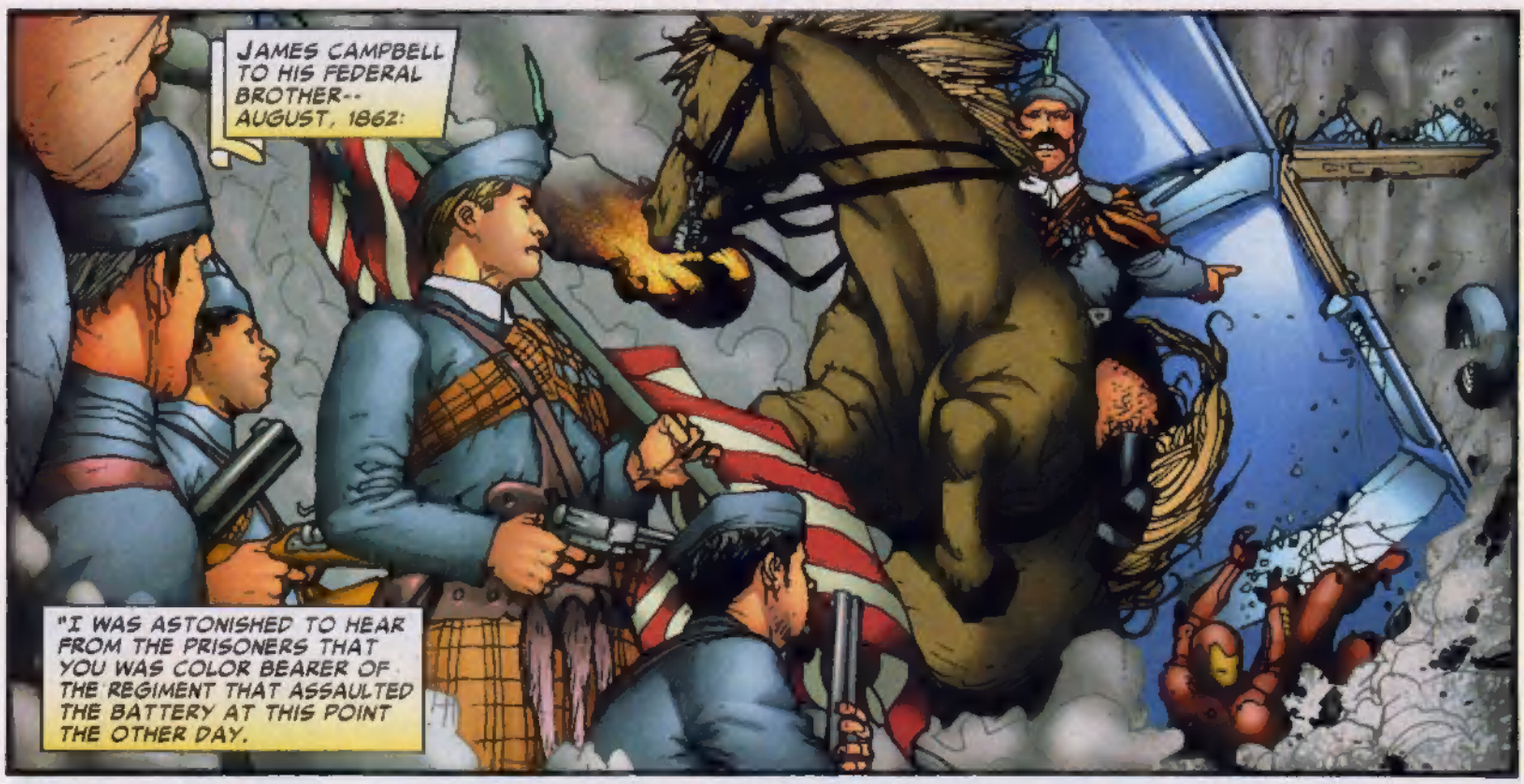
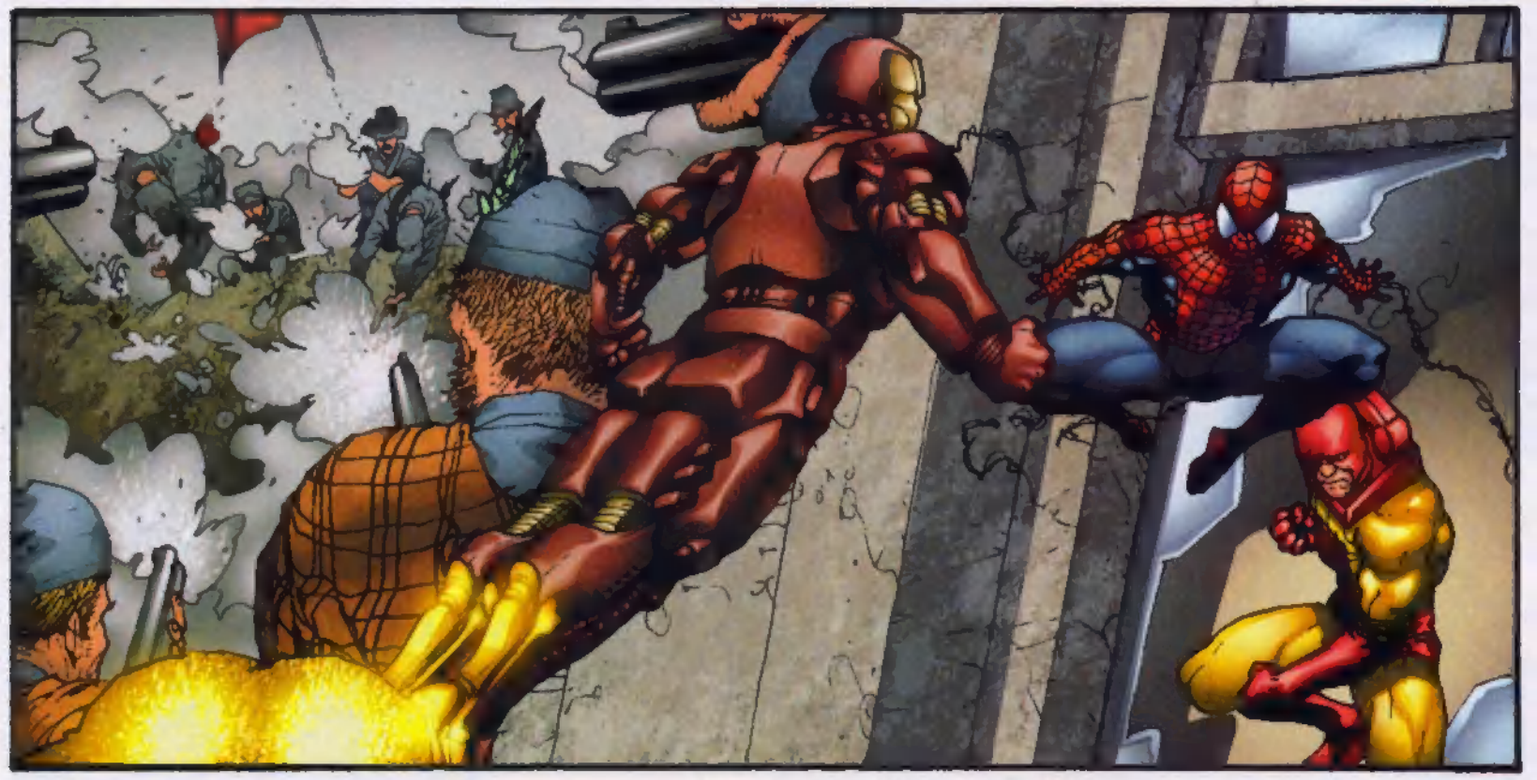
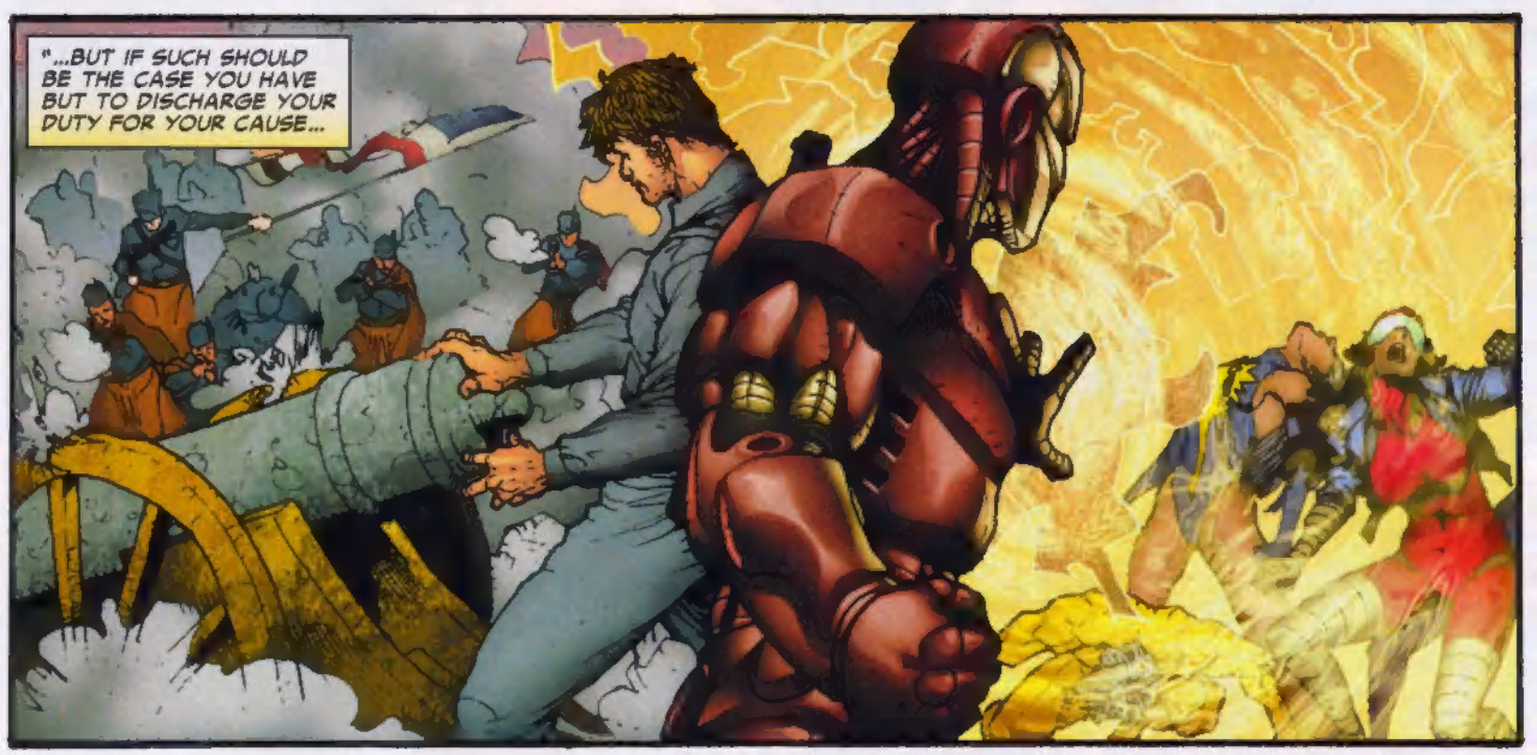
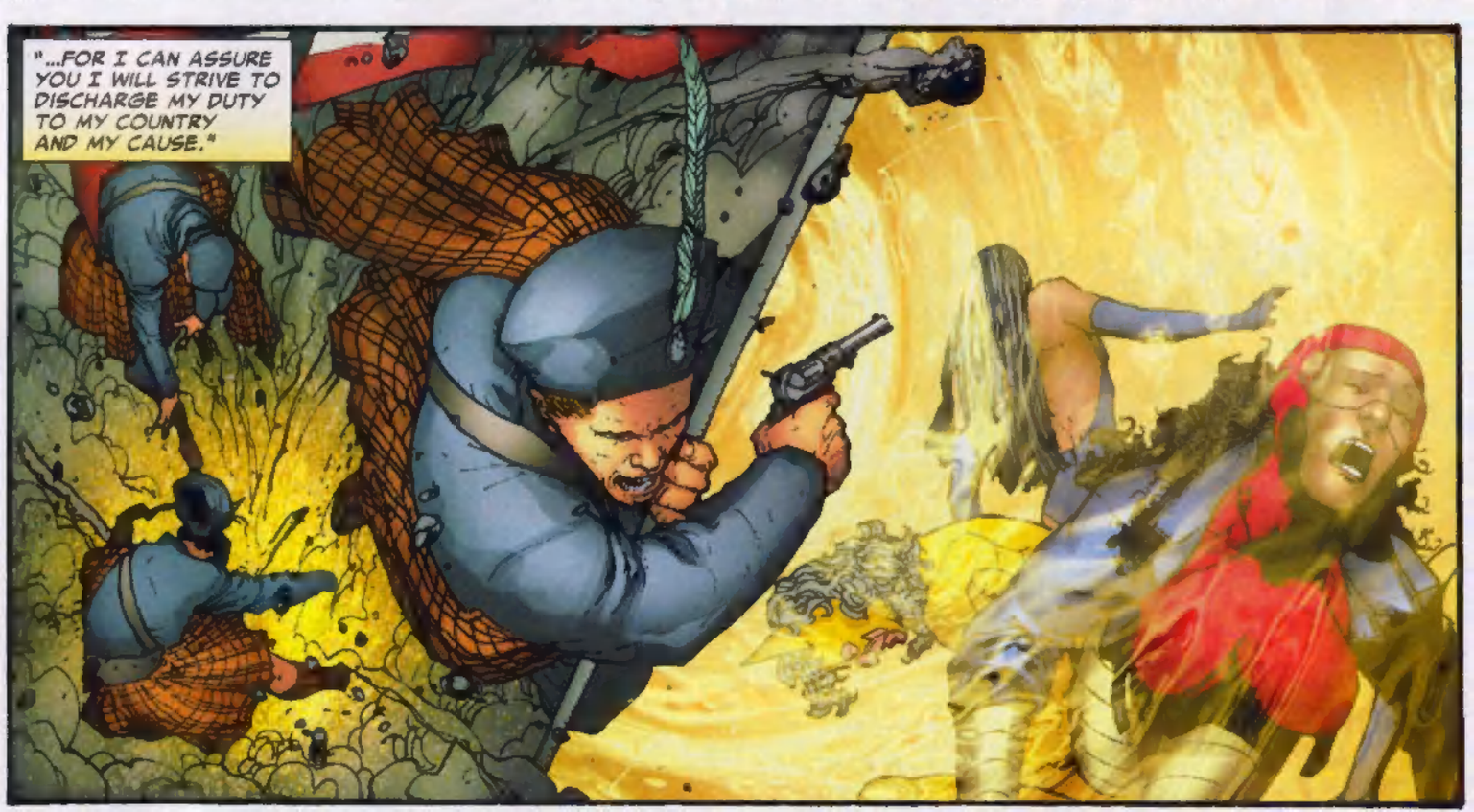

JAMES CAMPBELL TO HIS FEDERAL BROTHER-- AUGUST, 1862:
"I WAS ASTONISHED TO HEAR FROM THE PRISONERS THAT YOU WAS COLOR BEARER OF THE REGIMENT THAT ASSAULTED THE BATTERY AT THIS POINT THE OTHER DAY.

COLOR SERGEANT! MOVE THOSE COLORS UP THAT PARAPET, MAN!

"I WAS...DURING THE WHOLE ENGAGEMENT DOING MY BEST TO BEAT YOU(.) BUT I HOPE YOU AND I WILL NEVER AGAIN MEET FACE TO FACE BITTER ENEMIES ON THE BATTLEFIELD(.)"




"...BUT IF SUCH SHOULD BE THE CASE YOU HAVE BUT TO DISCHARGE YOUR DUTY FOR YOUR CAUSE...


"...FOR I CAN ASSURE YOU I WILL STRIVE TO DISCHARGE MY DUTY TO MY COUNTRY AND MY CAUSE."

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL TO HIS WIFE-- AUGUST, 1862:
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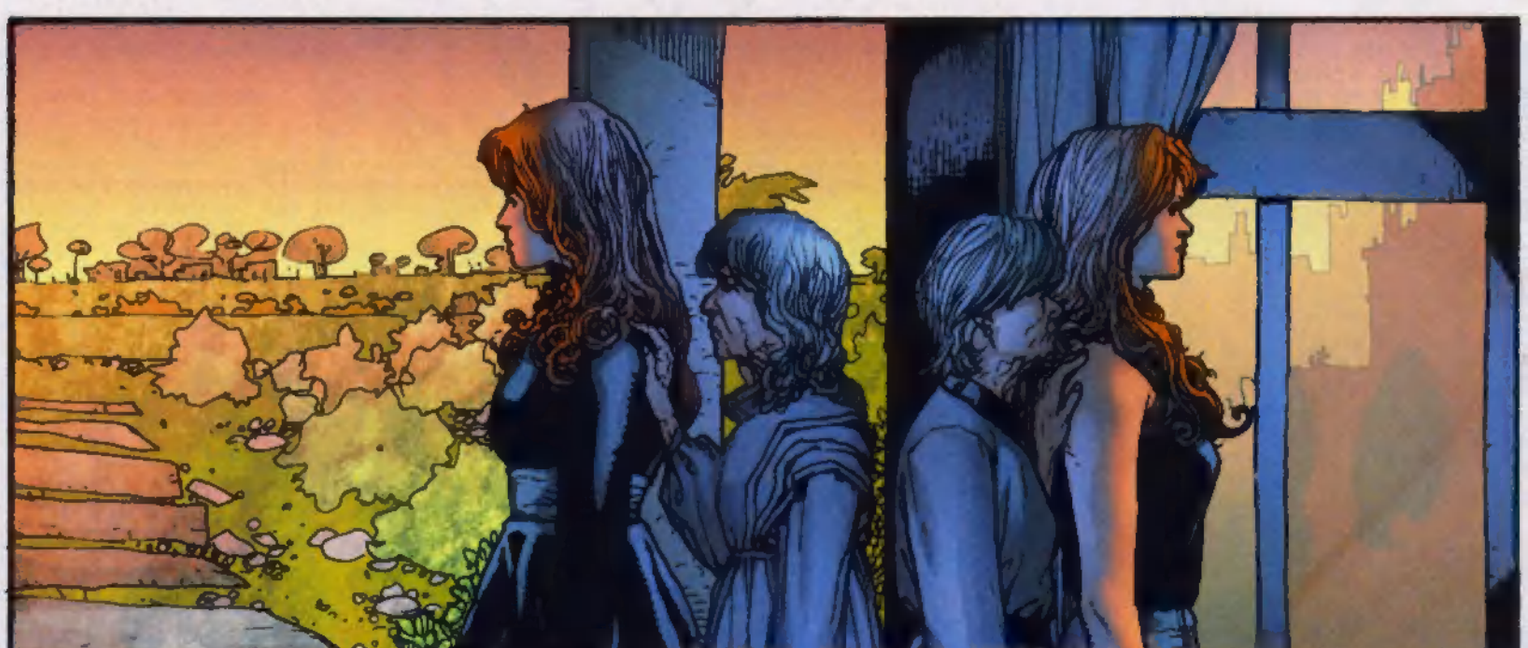
"...AND HE WILL HAVE HIS STORY TO TELL ABOUT HIS SIDE AND I WILL HAVE MY STORY TO TELL ABOUT MY SIDE."



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